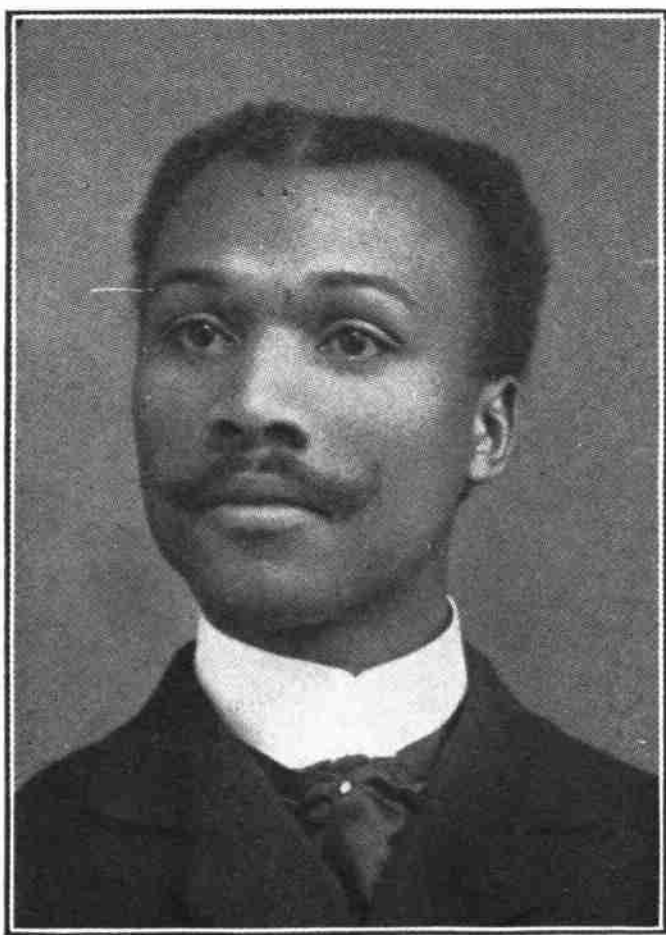


Roanoke Collegiate Institute, Elizabeth City, N. C.

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THE Roanoke Collegiate Institute is located in Elizabeth City, N. C., — a city that has excellent advantages for school purposes. The institute was founded in 1896 by the Roanoke Missionary Baptist Association for the purpose of providing a high-grade school to be under their supervision, where their sons and daughters and neighbors might have the benefits of an education. It continues under these auspices.



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The institute has one acre of land upon which are two buildings. One is used as an industrial room and "Model School Department"; the other is a recitation room and chapel. Arrangements have been made for the purchase of additional ground for the erection of a girls' dormitory. The present conditions have developed out of very humble beginnings. At the first there was a small, dilapidated two-story wood building, one teacher, and few pupils.

The chief object of the school is to assist pupils in the acquisition of a pure Christian character, and to train them for teachers and for business and professional life. Moral and religious training is constantly emphasized. There are devotional exercises in the chapel each morning, weekly prayer and praise services, and a regular course in Bible study. Students are required to attend all religious services during the week and on Sunday, and as far as possible to participate in the services.

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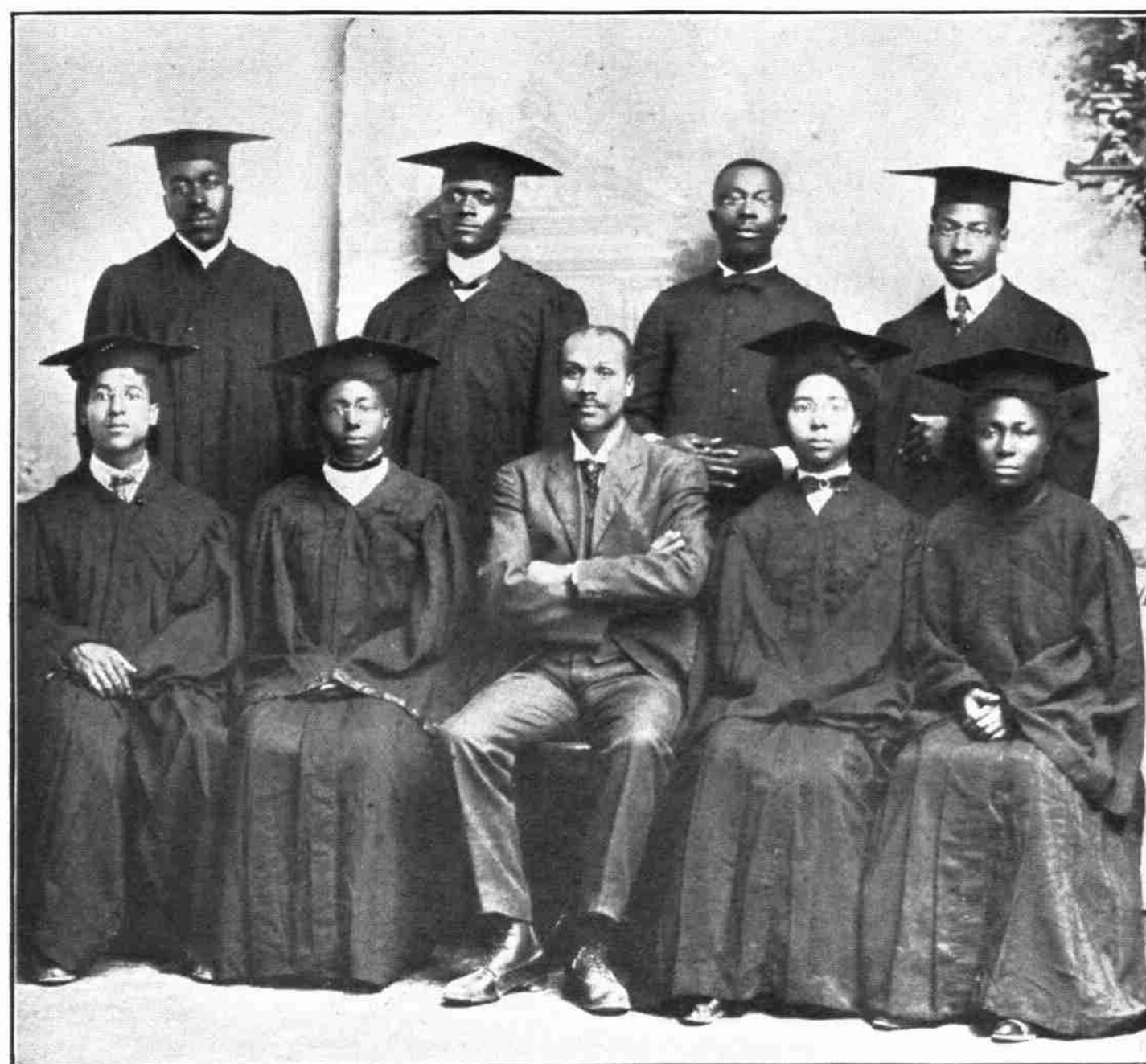
The valuation of the property is \$7,000, the annual expenses, \$3,000, secured from churches and a small tuition. There were 86 male and 168 female students in 1908, ranging from six to twenty years of age. These were under the care of 3 male and 4 female Negro teachers. Five of the students are studying for the ministry.

There is a literary society for the young men. A program is rendered one evening of each week affording an excellent opportunity for training in self control; acquiring a knowledge of parlia-

mentary procedure; and practice in studied and impromptu speech. Every member is required to take part in the exercises unless excused. There is a similar society for the young women. The societies are governed under supervision of the faculty by officers chosen from among themselves.



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